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RESPONSE DUE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE **GROUP ART UNIT 2812** IR-2300 (2-3077)

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In re Patent Application of

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METHOD OF FABRICATING A GATE DIELECTRIC LAYER FOR A THIN

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REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to Respond to the Office Action dated January 24, 2003 by ONE (1) month. Enclosed is our check No. 11476 which includes the amount of \$110.00 for the petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR 1.17 computed as:

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